

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE BB12 9JR

Your Parish Church exists to be the people of God through faith in Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, worshipping Him, making disciples and serving others.



Parish NEWS

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WORSHIP IS HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

1st & 3rd Sunday: Holy Communion from the 1662 Prayer Book, with hymns and sermon.

2nd Sunday: All Age Worship – a service with more modern hymns and sermon for young and not so young.

4th Sunday: Holy Communion from contemporary service book, with hymns and sermon.

5th Sunday (when applicable): Morning Prayer

Sunday 10th February, 9.30am

Education Sunday – a day to celebrate links between the church and the schools it is involved in. Children from St Mary's School will be helping to lead the worship.

Ash Wednesday, 13th February, 7.30pm

To mark the beginning of Lent, there is a service of Holy Communion.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee morning,
Saturday 16th March, 10 till 12.
5, Osborne Terrace, Spenbrook.

Results of the annual quiz will be announced. Entry £2.

Quiz sheets are available from
Chris Widdas.

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Next issue Please have your articles for the next issue by **Tuesday February 19.**

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Dear Friends

Unable to resist the hype I went to see Tom Hooper's film *Les Misérables*. Massive, rather than intimate as in a theatre, it is still well worth seeing. Once you get used to Russell Crowe singing, and the variety of camera angles, it is an impressive piece of cinema.



It also made me re-engage with the story and especially the contrast between the two main characters, Valjean, a reformed criminal, and Javert, an unrelenting minister of the law. There are a few sermons in that somewhere. Questions of goodness and justice underlie the story, and although it is set in post-revolutionary France in the first half of the nineteenth century, these questions are topical two hundred years later. How do we respond to people in need?

The plight of poor people in northern cities has been in the news recently. The Greater Manchester Poverty Commission has revealed 600,000 people in deep poverty in the area, and a total of 1.6 million people of danger of sliding into deeper poverty. A conference in Liverpool last week of faith leaders and council leaders from northern cities heard how council budgets had to make cuts of £250 per head compared with just £2 per head in rural authorities in the south. Questions are raised of justice and concern for the plight of poor people, and how do we respond. The Bishop of Liverpool thought it went beyond justice. He said, "We do best as a society when we provide for others out of our sense of humanity what we provide for our families out of a sense of affection."

Javert and Valjean are archetypal responses. And perhaps justice takes us only so far. In spite of the high emotion of the finale, I was still struck by the words, "To love another person is to see the face of God."

God bless you

John

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NOTICEBOARD

Wednesday 6th February at 7.30pm
Dirk Kerr's Ladies Football Team
in Barley Village Hall
Stall: Handmade Cards
Visitors welcome

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INSPIRING WOMEN

mothers union

February 26 at St Thomas 2pm.
Maureen Thornbarrow
is the speaker.

On Friday March 1st,
Village Centre and KIK
(Kids in Kailahun) are
organising a joint curry night.
This will be held at Bombay
Lounge, Barrowford starting
at 7 pm, tickets cost £15 per
head for full meal.
Tickets from Ian Mortimer
(Ivy Cottage, tel: 611126) or
Lorraine Goldsborough
(Barley Tea Room: 694127).

Facebook

If you ever thought that Facebook was just for
the 'young ones' - think again! These are local
sites that are packed full of old and new photos,
plus debate. Have a look.

Roughlee Then and Now Old Pendle
Nelson Lancashire Now and Then
Higham now and then

Tai Chi for the Over 50s
Organised by AgeUK
Every Tuesday 1 - 2:30pm
Roughlee Village Centre
Fee £4 per session

Tai chi, also called tai chi chuan, combines
deep breathing and relaxation with slow and
gentle movements. Originally developed as a
martial art in 13th-century China,
tai chi is today practised around the world
as a health-promoting exercise.

MESSY CHURCH

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL

**Takes place on the third Tuesday of
EVERY month at 3.30pm**

FUN, GAMES, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP
We ask parents to contribute to the cost of
the activities and meal that we have at each
session. **MESSY CHURCH** is organised by
Mandy Culshaw who can be contacted by
email on: a.culshaw635@btinternet.com

Table Top Sale
Sunday February 17
from 11 to 4pm.
Barley Village Hall.

**Just in time to de-clutter for the
spring. Sell anything except,
electrical, food or animals.**

Tables £5
Phone 613280 or 690420



Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

Residents are welcome to attend their local Parish Council meetings. There is a Public Question Time at the beginning of each meeting and there is no need to make a prior arrangement to speak.

Barley with Wheatley Booth

www.barleyvillagehall.org

Parish Council meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: February 13 & March 13

Parish Council Chairman: Derek Heap Tel. 692264 derek.heap@lancashire.gov.uk

Parish Council Clerk: Vicky Thorp Tel. 449912 vicky@oldhamsweb.co.uk

Village Hall Chairman: David Weatherill Tel. 613280 david.weatherill@cibluk.com

Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spennorth

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: February 12 & March 12

Parish Council Chairman: William Mayor Tel. 691369 chairman@goldshawbooth.org.uk

Parish Council Clerk: Sheila Grindrod Tel. 693857 sheila.grindrod@btinternet.com

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Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays every month at 8pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: February 4 & March 4

Parish Council Chairman: Martin Schofield Tel. 691482 roughleechair@btinternet.com

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Planning Applications

Applications are now easier to find on the Council website: www.pendle.gov.uk under 'My Area'

BARLEY

We are now well into 2013 but I must start by wishing all our parishioners a healthy and prosperous 2013, or at least the last eleven months of it. Looking ahead there will be a few challenges for the PC. The decision of HM Planning Inspector was to grant permission to United Utilities to build three houses on the Barley Green filter beds site. This has come as a major disappointment to the residents of Barley Green, the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council.

We had hoped that the objections raised by thirty villagers and the refusal of planning permission by Pendle Borough Council might be enough but the man from Bristol had other ideas – so much for the government's support for local choice and democracy. An agent is now advertising the site for sale with a guide price of £210,000 - that sounds a lot of money for the site to me!

If planning permission had not been granted we could probably have acquired the site at an affordable price and it would have been a tremendous asset to the Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee and the PC are now looking at options to raise finance to make a bid for the site but it will require a lot of effort, a lot of fortune and some willing benefactors to make it happen.

This application has blighted our intentions for 2013 as we have held on to our money in the hope that we might be able to acquire the site and this will continue for a couple of months whilst we consider options, or if the site is sold. If we are not successful then we will have to get back to spending our monies on other parts of the village.

The decision on the introduction of camping pods into Boothman Wood is now with the HM Inspector from Bristol and we are awaiting a decision.

Work to introduce a domestic water supply to properties around Lower Black Moss reservoir by connecting them to the

mains network is underway. The connection will be made at the Village Hall and it is then hoped to thread the new supply pipe up existing redundant pipes in the roadway so minimising any digging in the road. The PC has agreed to lease over 1/3 of the car park to the contractor carrying out the works and this should minimise any disruption to residents.

Your Councillors in 2013 are John Connor, David Goodger, Derek Oldham, Frank Rigg, Susan Statham, Frank Wilkinson and myself. Our Clerk is Vicky Thorp and Caroline Heap is our Finance Officer.

Our role is to look after the character and maintain the fabric of the village and represent you on a range of matters including planning, so if you think we should know something tell us, if we can help, ask us and when we need you, please support us.

Finally, I would like to wish well to Peter and Julia South who were well known in the village and have left the Bullion for pastures new in Higherford. Derek Heap

Village Hall

Our Promotion Event on December 23 was a great success, perhaps helped by the mulled wine & nibbles! Many of the groups based in the Hall put out small displays and these created plenty of interest, and attracted new members. The Pendle Young Farmers had a very impressive display of the silver cups they had won during the past year.

Our next big event is the St George's Dinner on April 20, followed two weeks later by our 20th Model Exhibition on May 4-6.

Regular events continue as normal and we are hoping that our new SALSACISE class will be attracting members and become a regular feature at the Hall.

COFFEE & chat: Wednesday 13th at 10am to 12 noon.615089

Audrey Weatherill

Goldshaw Booth

Thank you to all who supported the PC at the hearing of the Spen Brook Mill application on 10th January and particularly to those who spoke so eloquently. Although the refusal was ultimately based on two definitions "exceptional circumstances" and "public interest", the strongly held and powerful arguments expressed by the community were significant in persuading the committee towards refusal. We do not know what the intentions of the developer will now be. If he appeals to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol the matter passes out of our hands and we will lose our ability to influence it to some extent. The PC, and the public, will be able to register with the Inspectorate to give their views and this may result in a public hearing. Once again the PC will monitor the procedure and keep the parish informed.

And now to my current *bête noire*: cats. I like cats. But I don't like these pampered, well-fed, needle-clawed predators attacking my birds. Particularly when the snows lie deep and crisp, etc, and there are few insects and worms around to feed them. At these times these ferocious creatures should be kept in, snuggled up around the fire. Keep them well fed- and keep them in!

Another of my current vexations is democracy. It never worked, even in 4th century Athens, when some 10,000 citizens ran the place for their own benefit and over 70,000, women, foreigners and slaves, were totally disenfranchised. And it doesn't work now. Too many vocal minorities get too much attention; the upset and delay which they cause is in inverse proportion to their numbers. And the BBC finds them and gives them air-time.

Sometimes I think that the BBC is on a crusade of disruption and its constant ploy of promoting minority views through some indignant and personal dissatisfaction is, frankly, immoral. Take Europe. Everyone knows we should be in Europe; everyone grumbles about it. It's like the weather, there to be complained about. But to come out? That would be unutterably stupid. So why does the BBC want us out and why, oh, why, does this Government not have the guts to tell the sceptics they're wrong and out-of-date. I suppose that's democracy? Trouble is: democracy may be the worst of all systems – until you look at the alternatives. Bill Mayor

St. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

To round off a very busy and productive term we all enjoyed the excellent Christmas performances in church. As usual Mr Archer produced his take on the Christmas story of 'The Micah Prophecy'. Our Infant children visited Gawthorpe Hall to experience 'A Victorian Christmas' and made pot pourri muslin bags, stirred Christmas pudding and learned lots of historical facts. Term ended with our Carol Service in church on the 21st December.

We were delighted to receive the Diocesan Church School Award, with our application being judged to be most suitable in the 'Building on Rock' category.

We had a visit from the Kenetic Theatre Company with their production of 'Lady Cecily's Sound Box – a melodrama on sound waves.

Our first sporting event of the term kicked off with a taster session of Dodge Ball. Coaches from 'Sportscool' are now running an after school, teaching the children many new skills.

ROUGHLEE

January came and went, with winter finally descending on us with a vengeance, but fortunately for us, not as bad as some have had it, so I suppose we should be slightly grateful. The Seniors Christmas lunch that we held in early December was a great success, so thanks must be passed onto the ladies that did the hard work on the day. This leads me onto the fact that we must now consider setting our budget for the next financial year, 2013/14, as our request for funding has to be submitted in very early February. If anyone would like to ask questions about this, or put forward any points for discussion, then they can do so at, or before our next Parish Council Meeting on the February 4th at 8pm.

Over previous months we have had requests that we put an information plaque on our 'alice' statue, this has now been organised (at very little cost I might add), so we should see this in-situ when the weather improves. On a similar matter, April is the time when we can seek funding from Pendle Council for Capital Grants / Projects funding, so if anybody has any ideas for this then please let us know, so that we can include them in our discussion. Previous successful applications have been for entry signs to the village, information boards and village hall repairs.

Whilst capital grants if they are successful, can prove to be a boost to the village, the thorny subject of fund raising to cover the running costs of our Village Centre continues. The Village Centre Committee runs several events over the year to raise funds to cover items like heating, lights, insurance - which as you would expect all come at considerable expense.

One of these is the Village Fayre. Now, as

I write this, the VCC has decided that they DO NOT want to have this event in 2013. Their reasons, which I fully understand, but do not agree with, are that it is too time consuming, an awful lot of hard work and that our Villagers are not that bothered about it. So I am going to stick my neck out and say that we will have this event, but I will need YOUR support to succeed. So I am asking for your help, to both run and support this event which is normally held in June.

Tuesday February 12 at 7.30 pm in the Village Centre, for me is "D" day, as this is the next meeting of the VCC, where I will be attending to attempt to change our Ladies' minds, so please come and support me at this meeting or let myself or Michelle Harvey know beforehand that you can help.

Please do not let apathy prevail and prove our Ladies correct. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

On a slightly different note, some of our parishioners have asked me to remind all of us that use heating oil that several of them have started to see savings on their fuel oil bills by joining www.saveonoil.co.uk. Whilst I personally have not yet joined this scheme, it might be worth your while having a look, doing your own homework and making your own mind up.

Martin Schofield

Dorothy Hartley

With sadness we report Dorothy's death on Tuesday January 29 at her home in Crowtrees.

Our sympathies go out to brother Ted and family.